

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 5, 6 and 9-33 are currently pending. Claims 23-28 and 33 have been allowed.

By this Amendment, claim 6 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 34-36 have been added. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112:

Claims 5, 9-22 and 29-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The claims have been amended to overcome the §112 rejections. Specifically, Applicants have more accurately incorporated the teachings of allowable claim 6 and the specification into independent claims 5, 13, 18 and 23. Support for the claim changes can be found on page 7, lines 6-12 of the specification as well as in Figs. 4a and 4b. Thus, the above claims should be deemed allowable without further comment.

III. New Claims 34-36:

Support for new dependent claims 34-36 can be found also on page 7, lines 6-12 of the specification as well as in Fig. 4b. Thus, new claims 34-36 should be deemed allowable without further comment.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1874-4014US2.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1874-4014US2.

Respectfully submitted,
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